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Below is Vic Forte's report for last week

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From: Vic Forte [mailto:vrforte@norphletchem.com]  
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 Subject: Weekly Production Report - May 12-May 17

#### Summary:

The week of May 12-May 17 was a productive week. We loaded several HCL trucks, ran the HF storage tank pump, and started the phase separation lab testing on Thursday. We finished cleaning TT-12 and TT-13 from the outside. We tested the water flow meter again for HCL loading.

Rounce got a preliminary drawing from Ram Fab for the liquid phase reactor.

We talked with Steve Owens a couple of times, worked on truck scales, and have the scrap copper ready to sell.

#### HCL

Loaded 10 trucks  
 Unloaded 3 trucks  
 Unloaded 2 rail cars

Loaded 1 waste water truck

#### HF Storage Tank

We put the storage tank on circulation so we could catch good clean HF for the lab phase separator testing. We blew the pump and all the lines free of any liquid HF after the pump was shut down. We did this to prevent any trapped liquid HF.

#### Phase Separation Testing

We started testing on Thursday and had trouble getting all of the HF and 133a in the test separator. We also had trouble with the cooler and scrapped the test after about 4 hours. Throughout the day we learned how to load the separator, the amount of time it will take to cool off, etc.

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Friday we did a 5/1 ratio (HF/133a) cooled to -5 degrees C and started seeing a phase separation. It takes several hours to cool down with our cooler. When we got down to -15 degrees C, there was a more distinct separation. We caught samples on both the HF phase on top and the 133a on the bottom.

The HF phase on top had 1.5% 133a in it and the 133a phase on the bottom showed no HF in it. It also was a 6.0 pH.

We did a third sample on Saturday which was cooled down to a -30 degrees C. The HF on top had about the same amount of 133a in it (1.5% 133a). The bottom layer showed no HF in it and the pH was 6.5.

We will start again on Monday.

TT-12 and TT-13.

We finished washing them out the best we could with a fire hose from the man-way. This prevented having to get in the tanks with an HF suit on. The tanks will still have to be hand cleaned before start-up.

Most of the solids were washed down into the waste water sump and will have to be vacuumed out with a vacuum truck.

#### HCL Water Flow Meter:

We re-tested the flow meter using the water pump and it again put out 70 gpm. We had previously gotten 24 gpm. Just using city water.

#### Liquid Flow Reactor

Ronnie and I have been talking with Ram Fab on this. Ronnie got a preliminary drawing on the reactor and I had him add a few more nozzles for a pressure indicator, a temperature indicator, and a level indicator.

Steve Owens.

Ronnie and I talked to Steve Owens several times this week, mainly about the lab testing (Do's, Don'ts, and What Ifs).

#### Truck Scales

We had Systems Scales come in to certify our scales. Arkansas requires this to be done once a year and it had been two years since we had been certified.

The scales were reading approximately two hundred pounds light. One of the trucks had run over a guide rail and bent it down on top of the scales. The problem has been corrected and we are now certified again.

#### Scrap Copper:

We have all of the scrap copper ready to load and sell. We are waiting on a special hopper to be delivered for loading it.

#### For the week of May 20

- (1) Work on lab testing
- (2) Visit with Ikubo
- (3) Ship out 22 totes to Rineco on May 22
- (4) Get maintenance truck running
- (5) Work on grounds
- (6) Start making plans for phase two of start-up